

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-5, as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Currently Amended) An assembling method for a developing roller usable with a developing device, ~~said~~ the developing roller including a developer carrying member in the form of a hollow cylinder, a flange member provided at an end of ~~said~~ the developer carrying member, and a magnet provided in ~~said~~ the developer carrying member, said method comprising:

an inserting step of inserting ~~said~~ the magnet having at least one projection into ~~an~~ the inside ~~through an opening~~ of ~~said~~ the developer carrying member through an opening therein;

an abutting step of abutting ~~said~~ the at least one projection to an inside surface of the cylinder; and

an engaging step of engaging ~~said~~ the flange member with ~~said~~ the opening by penetrating ~~said~~ the flange member through a shaft of ~~said~~ the magnet projected out of ~~said~~ the opening.

2. (Currently Amended) An assembling method for a developing roller usable with a developing device, ~~said~~ the developing roller including a developer carrying member, a flange member provided at an end of ~~said~~ the developer carrying member, and a magnet provided in ~~said~~ the developer carrying member, said method comprising:

an inserting step of inserting ~~said~~ the magnet which has a columnar configuration having a non-circular cross-section and having at least one outer projection, into ~~an~~ the inside of ~~an~~ the inside of ~~said~~ the developer carrying member having a hollow cylindrical shape;

an abutting step of abutting ~~said~~ the at least one outer projection to an inside surface of the cylindrical developer carrying member; and

an engaging step of engaging ~~said~~ the flange member with an opening by penetrating ~~said~~ the flange member through ~~us~~ a shaft of ~~said~~ the magnet projected out of ~~said~~ the opening.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1 or ~~to~~ 2, wherein ~~is~~ in said abutting step, ~~said~~ the magnet is abutted to the inside surface.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 3, wherein in said abutting step, ~~said~~ the magnet is correctly positioned using a ~~cop-awake~~ cop-away portion provided at an end of ~~said~~ the magnet.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein said projection is provided ~~extending~~ to extend along a full-circumference of ~~said~~ the magnet or at one or two positions.